

HINT ROMMEL DEATH IN RAID

Probe Tends to Strengthen Report He May Have Died in Strafing.

CANISY, France, July 31 (U. P.)—An unofficial investigation conducted among French civilians and captured German soldiers today tended to strengthen reports that Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was seriously wounded by a bomb or gunfire from a strafing allied plane more than a week ago and may have died of his wounds.

All available evidence compiled in this recently German-held section of Normandy points to the probability that Rommel was wounded and perhaps killed on July 19 or 20 when an allied pilot, unaware of his prize target, swooped down on the German commander's car near Lisieux and sprayed it with high explosives and cannon fire.

Reports spread among French civilians by Germans said Rommel died several days later, one account locating the place of his death at Livarot; another, at a hospital in Bernay.

Refuse to Deny Story

The reports that Rommel had at least been injured were supported by United Press dispatches from Stockholm which said German spokesman in Berlin, refusing to deny the story, told Swedish newsmen only that it had not been confirmed.

Another dispatch from Madrid said German military sources there believed Rommel had been wounded and had lost an eye.

Still another said the incident still were second-hand and allied officials had no definite confirmation but Frenchmen who were in this section during the enemy occupation said the Germans themselves seemed convinced the first while Desert Fox was dead.

Eugene Morel, a gendarme in Canisy, said the report of Rommel's death was started here by German soldiers about 10 days ago, and his commander, Brig. Gen. Ives Jean, offered similar testimony.

A careful investigation failed to produce any trace of the French nurse who was supposed to have cared for Rommel just before his death and Mons. Lejune, the mayor of Canisy, said he had no knowledge of Rommel having been treated in a German military hospital in this town.

Rommel has been conspicuously absent from all German propaganda for more than a week.

LONDON, July 31 (U. P.)—The German Transocean news agency said today that a German high command official, asked by telephone about the health of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, replied:

"He is shaving."

"This reply speaks for itself," Transocean added.

PRO-ALLIED CAPTIVES SEGREGATED IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.)—The war department today denied reports that it is "coddling" German or Italian-fascist prisoners, but said it has assigned some pro-allied Italians into special volunteer units which have removed a heavy load from the army service forces.

The volunteers, the department said, are screened carefully to eliminate all pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist elements. Those who pass are put to work in 60 army stations throughout the country handling equipment and salvage and repairing and processing army vehicles.

ORDER LIMITS PRICE ON CUP OF COFFEE

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.)—The five-cent cup of coffee, which has almost become a definite institution in many communities under the stress of war, will be revived today in many restaurants throughout the country.

Under a new office of price administration regulation, effective today, no restaurant or eating establishment may charge more than a nickel for a cup of coffee, including cream and sugar, unless it was charging more during the week of October 4-10, 1942, shortly before coffee rationing was ordered.

Bullies of Hitler's Elite S. S. Come Cringing Like Whipped Dogs to Surrender in France

By HENRY T. GORRELL

United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH U. S. TANKS NORTH OF GAVRAY, France, July 30 (Delayed)—Hitler's professional killers, the dread elite S. S., who bullied the occupied countries and directed the extermination of thousands of Jews, cracked up today.

They acted like they say all killers do by turning yellow when the odds turned against them. I saw the one-time "tough boys" cringing and surrendering by the hundreds.

In France they were supposed to have kept the Poles and the Georgians fighting for the Nazis by holding pistols at their backs. They may have been tough once, but the American bombers and fighters and tanks took the fight out of them.

Pathetic Performance

There is no adequate term to describe the pathetic performance of the members of the Nazi murder clubs. "Whipped puppy dogs" is too mild.

It was true that they had lost most of their tanks and artillery, much of which I saw as miles long masses of burning, twisted steel along the narrow dirt roads north of Gavray.

But if they had any fight left in them, these Nazi strong-arm boys could have kept the American infantry busy for days stalking them

Nazi Debacle Continues in East



TREBLING OF ROBOT RANGE PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.)—Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D. Fla.) predicted today the Germans soon will treble the range of their robot bombs and thus continue to bomb England from the interior of Europe even after they are driven from the channel coast.

Sikes, a house military affairs committee member who has conducted a one-man investigation of the flying bombs, said the fact that the missiles now in use have an estimated top range of 150 miles does not mean that the menace will be removed when the Germans are driven that distance away from Britain.

"As the allies push the Germans back on the western front the Nazis will move their robot bomb equipment closer to Germany and within a matter of weeks they will be able to reach England from three times the distance they are now covering," he said.

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"They present a very small target and one which is hard to hit from the air," he added.

Berlin Within Grasp, but We Could Muff Victory

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too ruthless and too desperate to leave anything undone that might prolong their power and their lives.

So unless we bring all possible pressure to bear on Germany from without, her fall may be staved off indefinitely.

In fact, this postponement of the inevitable, many believe, has now uncivilized them to try if they stand to gain a little time in which to hope for the breaks.

That is one of the principal reasons behind the robot bomb. Hitler knows it can have no appreciable military effect, but if it gains him a few extra weeks, or a few extra days, maybe "something will turn up" in his favor.

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An early and conclusive peace seems certain only if (1) the allies put everything they've got into their 1944 punch and (2) the Big Three pull together politically as well as militarily as the end draws near.

Knows it. But before the fatal awakening, he hopes "something" will happen.

Before the summer is out, the Hitler forces may even try to turn the allied victories in France and Russia to account.

If the worst comes, they may draw a last-ditch line somewhere in the east and hold it against the Russian army while Anglo-American forces advance on Berlin from the west.

Or they may weaken the Russian front in order to hold back the British and Americans.

In either case it would mean the early occupation of Germany, but it would be only temporary. Hitler and his gang might hope, if they could use it as a ruse to split the allies and throw all Europe into chaos. In the confusion, the Nazi criminals might escape.

That is what is meant by "muffing the victory" now virtually in P. D. R.

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CAPEHART WARNS OF F. D. R. SPEECHES

Times Special

MONTICELLO, July 31—G. O. P. Senatorial Nominee Homer E. Caphart today decried the use of public information channels "by New Deal satellites of official reports to the nation for political purposes."

"Wherever Franklin D. Roosevelt speaks from now on, he speaks as Candidate Roosevelt and not as president," Mr. Caphart told Republicans gathered at Sportsmen's hotel for a second district organization meeting.

"The people of America will accept his every utterance whether it is a report to the nation on government or war affairs as the statements of a candidate for his office.

"Should Secretary of State Cordell Hull decide suddenly that the American people are sufficiently matured that they can be told what commitments were made at Moscow, his remarks will be taken as furthering the candidacy of P. D. R."

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RAID ENJOINER CASE SET FOR TOMORROW

Safety Board Counsel Henry Krug said today that Judge Harold G. Berger of Shelby circuit court will sit as special judge in the Marion superior court 2 hearing tomorrow on a permanent raid injunction sought by the 400 club, 842 S. Meridian st.

Ernest R. Stewart has refused to serve as special judge in an injunction suit involving the Electric Machine and Radio Workers Social club, 45 Virginia ave., he said.

In the cases the city alleges that gambling is flourishing under protection of temporary restraining orders and injunctions.

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